IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 38 and 49 without prejudice or admission.

Amend claims 37, 46, 48 and 56 as follows:

37. (Amended) A method for treating an autoimmune disease in a human or rodent host by suppressing an ongoing autoimmune response associated with said disease, the method comprising administering by nose or mouth to said host an effective amount for suppressing said response of a composition comprising a bystander antigen, wherein said bystander antigen is not an antigen to which T cells of said host which mediate the disease are sensitized and wherein said bystander antigen is not an insulin antigen, and wherein said bystander antigen is present to an organ or tissue afflicted by immune attack during said disease .

46. (Amended) [The] A method of [claim 38 wherein said disease is Type I diabetes and said bystander antigen is glucagon administered orally] treating Type 1 diabetes in a human or rodent host by suppressing an ongoing autoimmune response associated with said diabetes, the method comprising administering by mouth to said host an effective amount for suppressing said response of glucagon.

48. (Amended) A pharmaceutical dosage form for treating an autoimmune disease in a human or rodent by suppressing an ongoing autoimmune response associated with said disease, the form consisting essentially of:

an effective amount for [treating said disease] suppressing said response of a bystander antigen; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent;

wherein said bystander antigen is not insulin nor an antigen to which T cells that mediate said disease in said host are sensitized, and wherein said dosage form is contained in an inhaler or nebulizer, and wherein said bystander antigen is specified to an organ or tissue afflicted by immune attack during said disease.

56. (Amended) The pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 48 wherein said disease is selected from the group consisting of Type I diabetes and animal models [therefore] therefor and said bystander antigen is glucagon.

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